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: Examiner: R.M. Stadler

: Group Art Unit: 1754

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February 2, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 19, 2006, Applicants elect, without traverse, to proceed initially with examination of Group I (Claims 1-10).

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration on the merits and early passage to issue of the elected claims.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank A. DeLucia', written over a horizontal line.

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